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Inventors : Dana G. Laird
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Title : FLUID STREAM FEED DEVICE FOR MASS
TRANSFER COLUMN
Group/Art Unit : 1724
Examiner : Charles S. Bushey
Confirmation No. : 2081
Atty. Docket No. : 506417-0840

AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Responsive to the office letter of October 5, 2004, Applicant elects,
without traverse, the subject matter of claims 1-22.

Applicant further elects, with traverse, the Specie A, as shown in FIGS. 1-

4 for further prosecution in the event no generic claim is found to be allowable. As
examiner correctly states, however, claims 1 and 12 presently in the application are
generic to both of the identified species. Claims 1-9 and 11, along with Claims 12-20 and
22 read on the elected specie.

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any overpayment, to Deposit Account No.
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An action on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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